The Values Map

The values map provides a framework for financial planning discovery by helping you to identify and prioritize the life areas that concern you the most. We use the values map to uncover potential life issues that will require financial resources, now and in the future.

To complete this exercise, go through each element on the map, starting with the plan ahead column on the left. As you move through each section, you will find that certain boxes will be more important to you. Everyone prioritizes the various areas differently, and some may not be relevant at all. Use the blank chart on the next page to write out what matters most. Once you have completed this exercise, you'll have a good understanding of those areas that will need to be addressed in your financial plan.

Plan Ahead	Help & Protect Family	Enjoy & Protect Lifestyle	Create Financial Comfort	Build A Legacy
Clarifying Vision	Help Children	Income Needs	Manage & Protect Assets	Execute Your Intentions
Financial Planning	Savings, Loans & Gifts	Income & Expense Analysis	Assets & Debt	Wills
Retirement & Estate Planning	Family Trusts	Tax Planning	Asset Allocation	Powers of Attorney
Personalized Portfolio Mgmt.	Improve Financial Literacy	Corporate Benefits	Risk Management	Estate Plan
Potential Health Challenges	Assist Parents	Leisure Planning	Generating Income	Estate Transfer
Medical / Dental	Long-term care Insurance	Vacation Home Funding	Higher-Yielding Investments	Life Insurance
Life / Disability	Eldercare Consulting	Family Trips/Major Events	CPP / OAS / Pension	Beneficiary Designations
Critical Illness	Estate Needs	Hobbies & Leisure	RRIF / Annuity	Establishing a Trust
Life Transition Planning	Fund Education	Manage Health	Minimize Taxes	Charitable Giving
Marriage / Divorce	RESPs	Supplemental Medical	Registered Accounts	Family Giving Statement
Birth / Death	Loans/Grants/OSAP	Long-Term Care	Tax Loss Harvesting	Charitable Trusts
Downsize Home - Rent vs Buy	Scholarships	Exercise / Wellness / Nutrition	Low Tax Income Alternatives	Donor Advised Funds
Career & Profession			Stock Options	Tax-advantaged Gifts
Managing Change	Retirement Transition	Protect Assets & Business	Expand Advisory Team	Living Legacy
Appropriate Emergency Fund	Government Programs	Insurance	Wealth / Insurance Advisor	Family Mission Statement
Savings / Loans / Credit Lines	RESPs Pensions	Business Buy / Sell	Legal / Trust / Estate / CA	Ethical Will
Asset Sales	Healthcare	Business Succession Plan	Real Estate / Bank / Mortgage	Personal History

Depending on your goals, needs and unique situation, we may involve other professionals such as:

Business or Real Estate Lawyer Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Estate Attorney

Geriatric care specialist *Insurance broker (life, health & long-term care) Insurance broker (property & casualty)*

Mortgage broker Philanthropic consultant Real estate agent

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Using the previous page as a guideline, fill in the chart below and list your top priorities, concerns or issues to be addressed. Where possible, indicate action steps such as what needs to be done, who should be involved and if there is a timeframe, when it should be completed by. Setting a deadline is always a good idea as it creates accountability and increases the likelihood of completion. If there is additional documentation that is required in order to complete a task, be sure to list it. An example of this might be securing a copy of an old will if it is to be updated.

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Potential Health Challenges	Assist Parents	Leisure Planning	Generating Income	Estate Transfer
Life Transition Planning	Fund Education	Manage Health	Minimize Taxes	Charitable Giving
Managing Change	Retirement Transition	Protect Assets & Business	Expand Advisory Team	Living Legacy

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